



SPAR eNEWS

"Know the Happenings in Shreveport's Public Assembly and Recreation Department"

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Recreation



SPAR will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt from 9am - 2pm on March 27 at Betty Virginia Park. The Easter Egg Hunt will feature more than 10,000 plastic eggs for the hunt. The hunt begins at 10:00am. The event also features Space Walks, visit with the Easter Bunny, crafts and games. Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

Athletics

SPAR concluded its 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Tournament with a Championship Sunday on February 21, 2010 at Southern University Shreveport. The tournament attracted teams in the adult, youth and wheelchair divisions from throughout the region.

The winners of the championship games: Pro Am - The Crew from Texas; Men - GTA from Mississippi; Wheel Chair - Mobile Patriots from Alabama; Job Corp - Gary Job Corp from Texas; Youth - 10 & Under - The Express from Shreveport; 12 & Under - The Express from Shreveport; Middle School - LA Starz from Shreveport; 14 & Under - Renegades from Shreveport and 16 & Under - Sunset Acres from Shreveport.



Ms. Mattie Leviston, on behalf of the family of Coach Albert Leviston, was presented with the MLK Jr. Basketball Tournament Lifetime Achievement Award during half time of the Pro Am Championship game.

2010 Spring Softball

Entry Fee \$260.00
Team Entry Deadline March 23
Roster Deadline March 26
Coaches Meeting April 2
Seasons Begins April 5

For more information contact Mary Murphy at 673.7776. For Youth Sports call Kronski Grigsby at 673.7749.

SPAR Pottery Classes



SPAR offers pottery classes to the public. The classes are held at Wildwood Park, 7401 Jewella Avenue. The pottery classes are taught by experienced potters and provide the essential tools needed for pottery including kiln, potter's wheel, etc. SPAR has a newly designed and fully equipped potter's studio where the classes are held. Pottery is one of the world's oldest crafts. For more information, contact Jan Hirsch (Tues & Thurs 8am - Noon Studio Time) at 518-7113; Sheila Fischer (Wheel Throwing & Hand Building: Tues 12:30 - 3:30pm) at 865-1099 or Brenda Snider (Wheel Throwing & Hand Building: Tues & Thurs 5:30 - 8:30pm) at 208-2044. Or visit the SPAR website at www.myspar.org and click on the Pottery Classes link.

Youth Programs

The two winners of SPAR's Black History Essay contest were awarded laptop computers by Chesapeake Energy Corporation at the MLK, Jr. Basketball Tournament. Each read excerpts from their essays live on radio stations KVMA 102.9. and KMJJ 99.7. SPAR is proud of its young authors and they were thrilled to be winners. Thanks to Chesapeake Energy Corporation and CUMULUS Radio for their support and contributions to the success of the MLK, Jr. Tournament and the Essay Contest.

More than half the trees at our centers have been planted. The rest will be planted by next month. The kids thoroughly enjoy planting and naming the trees. Darrell English, our Teen Coordinator, personally dug nearly every hole. Open registration for SPAR Summer Playground begins March 15th for kids 6-12 at all fifteen recreation centers, and for 13-17 year-olds at Lakeside, Valencia, Airport, David Raines, and A.B. Palmer. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Space is limited so it is urgent you register early!

Upcoming Events

March 15 - 19 ▪ Spring Break Camp
Each Center 8:00am - 6:00pm

March 16 - Free Haircuts
Mamie Hicks 4:30 - 6:30pm

March 18 ▪ Lets Make A Deal
Valencia 10:00am

March 19 ▪ Spring Fling
Hollywood Heights 10:00am

March 19 - 20 ▪ 3 on 3 BB
Bill Cockrell 9:00am

March 20 ▪ Therapeutic Softball
Begins Saturdays
Southern Hills 11:00am

March 27 ▪ Easter Egg Hunt
Betty Virginia Park 7:00am

April 4



For all Shreveport/Bossier events check out:

shreveportbossierfunguide.com

Photo Contest!



SPAR's "Take A Pic, & Win A Tee" photo contest is ongoing. Take a fantastic photo of your family, friends and you enjoying a SPAR facility or event and win a T-shirt! Contest open to all except SPAR employees and their family. Photo must be a recent photo and can be of person(s) or thing. Win your t-shirt now!

Email photograph to:
frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov

Include "Photo Contest" in subject along with relevant names, date, facility and event.

Senior Happenings



In February the Seniors celebrated Black History Month with luncheons featuring fantastic Black History speakers at each of the centers. Over 100 Seniors attended the Masquerade Ball at Airport Park. The attendees wore evening attire and original masks, while they danced to the music of DJ Jackie Lewis. Crowned queens for their centers were Ruby Thomas - Bilberry Park; Betty Harrison - Lakeside Park; Emma Hunter - A. B. Palmer Park; Manly Harris - Airport Park; Alice Boone - Bill Cockrell; and Gladys Joiner - Hattie Perry. Winners of the most original mask award were Betty Harrison of Lakeside and Mr. B. Smith from Bilberry Park.

On February 25th the Seniors held their Nubian Queen and King Celebration, where a Nubian King and Queen were crowned. Clarence Johnson of Bill Cockrell was King and Lois Adger of David Raines was Queen. Performing at the event was the Airport Park Senior Choir, Fair Park ROTC Drill Team and Woodlawn High School Jazz Band. The event was held at the Bill Cockrell Community Center.

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